Stoppage of production in Durgapur Fertilizer Plant

366. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production in Durgapur unit of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the production is likely to restart soon; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) Yes, sir; the production in Durgapur plant had to be stopped from 27-3-89 due to fire in the start up heater coil of the ammonia plant. The agitation by the labour of the ex-contractor is delaying the repair work of the damaged equipment.

(c) and (d) The production will start again after the damaged equipment is repaired for which HFC has engaged a contractor; however, the workers engaged by the contractor are being prevented from doing their work by the agitating labour of another contractor whose contract has expired. For these reasons no definite date for the resumption of production can be given.

Inclusion of Production Assistants etc. in the proposed Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Services

367. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Production Assistants, Transmission Executives, Field Reporters and Farm Reporters are proposed to be included in the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Services; and

(b) if not, in what manner these categories of employees are likely to be recruited and governed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Recruitment to these posts is made in accordance with the provisions of the respective recruitment rules.

Inclusion of Programme Executives etc. in proposed Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service

368. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Programme Executives, Extension Officers, Farm Radio Officers and Science Officers were proposed to be included in Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service;

(b) if so, whether that decision is being implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) to (c) The proposed Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service will be organised Group 'A' Service. As such only Science Officers who are holding Group 'A' Posts will be included in it. The remaining categories of Programme Executives, Extension Officers, Farm Radio Officers etc. which are Group 'B' Posts will only form feeder grade to the proposed Service.